

# The Pocahontas Times

Hear Land o' Cakes and brother Scots,  
Frae Maidenkirk to Johnny Groats,  
If there's a hole in a' your coats,  
I rede ye tent it;  
A chiel's amang you takin' notes,  
An' faith he'll print it - BURNS

## Local Events.

L. Tuke of Linwood was in the Levels looking at some sheep.

F. R. Hunter and Norman Price were in Lewisburg over Sunday.

Miss Sallie Yeager has returned from Cheyenne, Wyoming, where she has spent a year.

The Marlinton House, kept by C. A. Yeager, has opened. It is very much improved.

Dr C. A. Barlow was in Marlinton last week in the interest of the Beverly Telephone line.

K. O. Wade weighed five April lambs, sold to G. W. Whiting, which averaged 111 pounds.

S. H. Clark and M. J. McNeal sold fine herds of cattle to John Hoover, of the Valley of Virginia.

T. A. Sydenstricker and C. L. Clark have bought about 2,000 lambs; 800 of which were taken up this week.

O. B. Wetzel of Ravenswood, State Bank Examiner, was in Marlinton Monday to examine the Bank of Marlinton.

Elder L. W. Herald is the delegate to the present meeting of the Greenbrier Presbytery from Frost Church and to the forth coming meeting of Synod at Huntington, on October 16.

Floyd Dilley, son of Peter Dilley, near Sunset, while at work in preparing for a sawset, received a well nigh fatal wound just above the eye by the glancing of his double bitted axe. He is rapidly improving and may soon be well.

Auburn Friel is at work on Knappa Creek, putting the banks in proper order for the contemplated lumber drives in the spring. These drives will probably surpass any that have hitherto occurred in the amount of timber moved.

A squirrel without a tail was seen crossing the road on Droop mountain Monday morning. It was thought to be a rabbit till it leapt upon a fence and thence into a tree. Its tail had been cut close off, probably by a bullet.

Mr and Mrs Oscar Slaven, whose sojourn in Marlinton the late summer is pleasantly remembered by their many friends, have reached their home in Kansas City after a safe and pleasant journey, and feel themselves benefitted by their visit to West Virginia.

We think the railroad is a sure thing, but we are certain that winter is coming. So to be ready you had better prepare for it by buying an airtight heating stove from R. B. Slaven, who will have the largest stock to select from that has ever been brought to Marlinton.

Newton Clarkson an employee in the Chestnut Camp, near Rimes, was severely cut on the foot, last Saturday, severing an artery. He was brought to Doyle's Hotel at Huntersville, where Dr Patterson dressed the wound. The patient has gone to his home on Beaver Creek.

If you want sensible shoes the Golden Store is prepared to fit you. If you want stylish shoes you may depend upon finding them there. Men's satin calf, worth \$1.50, only \$1.15; lady's shoes 98cts. - Are you in need of timothy seed, linseed oil, white lead, red lead, varnish, and shellac? You will get it at the Golden Store. Prices guaranteed.

## ARBOVIAL.

Two heavy frosts last week, on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Robert Brown got about four feet of water in his 27 foot well.

Miss Margarite Kerr came to town Saturday on her bicycle.

Will Cooper says he is determined to stand on the Democratic platform until his sweetheart turns Republican.

Mr C. C. Arbogast and Eva Beard made an extended visit to Tannery Town last week.

Stephen Tracy, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is visiting his brother George Tracy.

Dr Austin's driver came near having a wreck Sunday as he was leaving Liberty church with the doctor's family.

Three wagons, loaded with divers goods, unloaded at H. J. Cowger's store last week.

Will some one please tell us what are the four boxes which govern the world?

C. L. Burner was down from Travelers Repose last week.

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## AT THE RAILROAD CAMPS.

Superintendent Nils Engstrom Shoots Henry Westbrook in Self-Defense. Other Items.

A very unfortunate shooting affair occurred at Strang's Camp at Marlinton last Saturday, about which very distorted reports have been circulated.

To begin at the beginning, Henry Westbrook, an old railroad hand, came to the camp September 4th last and was hired by the Superintendent, Nils Engstrom. When Mr Strang came a few days afterward he recognized Westbrook as a man who had worked for his father on the construction of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Leavenworth Railroad. He said to his superintendent: "Where did you get that man?" The answer was that he had come along and had been hired. Mr Strang then remarked: "You are mighty apt to have trouble with him before you are done with him."

As it turned out Westbrook proved a capable man when not under the influence of intoxicants. He is 51 years old and his home is in Cumberland, Md. He was given the job of foreman and was working a gang of men. Last Saturday the works were visited by several men who had bottles of liquor and Westbrook was treated to a drink or two. About 10 A. M. Isaac Woolly, the colored man who assaulted Dennis Murphy recently, enraged him and he picked up a club and hit over the head. Nils Engstrom, the walking boss or superintendent, saw him and remonstrated with him, saying that was no way to treat a man. That if such a thing as that was permitted they would not be able to get hands to work for them. Westbrook gave him some talk back, and, under the discipline maintained on public works there was nothing to do but to discharge him. Westbrook came to the office and found there was \$4.40 due him. He refused to take it but came back in an hour or so and took it. He was muttering threats against the walking boss at that time. About 2 o'clock Westbrook appeared on horseback and riding up to the walking boss commenced to abuse and to curse and threaten him. Engstrom turned away and left him.

The works are near the mouth of Knappa Creek, and Westbrook rode on down the river and in about an hour he reappeared in camp. He was under the influence of liquor and had a large flask in his pocket. He rode up to the office cursing the walking boss and using threats and inquiring where he could be found.

Mr Van Stan tried to turn the conversation by asking him where he got the horse he was riding. Westbrook seemed to be possessed with the idea of killing the walking boss against whom his drunken fury seemed centered. He rode up to Engstrom and jumping off his horse drew a knife and made at him, cursing and threatening him in an indescribably furious manner. Engstrom ran around the horse a time or two closely pursued by Westbrook with an open knife.

The stable boss, John R. Rodgers, was mending harness in a tent near by. He had a .38 cal. revolver stuck in his vest and Engstrom grabbed it as he ran and turning quickly shot in the ground in front of Westbrook, who came on faster than ever. He then fired twice, one of the shots taking effect in his stomach and coming out at his back.

Westbrook was wheeled by the force of the shot and sank in a sitting posture, shutting his knife. Engstrom shouted to a boy to run for Dr Price, the camp physician. Westbrook countermanded the order, saying he was done for but that he would get him yet. He remained implacable all that afternoon. Sunday he was in his right mind and deeply regretted the occurrence, fully exonerating Engstrom, and made the following statement under oath:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, to wit:

Harry Westbrook upon oath makes the following statement with reference to the difficulty with Nils Engstrom on the 16th day of September, 1899. I do not want Engstrom held responsible for the difficulty at all. The man was necessarily compelled to do what he did to save himself. I am wholly to blame for the difficulty."

Rev Dr Sydenstricker, principal, and Rev N. A. Parker, alternate, Ruling Elders J. W. McDowell, principal, and Dr J. P. Moonau, alternate, were nominated commissioners to the General Assembly, at Atlanta next May.

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Rev R. M. Caldwell, pastor of Liberty and Baxter churches, tendered his resignation of the pastoral relation and it was dissolved by mutual consent, to terminate November 1. This is much regretted as Mr Caldwell was greatly esteemed by the Presbytery and was rapidly rising in his profession. He was advised to seek a milder climate by his physicians and it is hoped the change may be beneficial.

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The jury rendered a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to her death by a shot fired from a pistol by Jerome Kellison. The jurors were: J. W. Yeager, C. A. Yeager, I. R. Beard, B. L. Galford, J. F. Rock, and E. D. McNeill.

Permission was granted the Frankford and Falling Spring churches to prosecute their call for the pastoral services of the Rev F. B. Hartman, pastor of Broadway and Woodland churches, Rockingham County, Virginia, and member of the Lexington Presbytery.

Green Sulphur church asked leave to secur the ministerial services of Rev F. P. Sydenstricker, as stated supply until next meeting of Presbytery.

Rev J. W. Holt preached the Presbytery sermon on the subject assigned: "The distinctive doctrines of Presbyterianism." While the subject was ably and scripturally treated it was not offensively sectarian.

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Dr Cunningham, the medical man in attendance described the wound as follows: "The bullet entered the right breast about an inch and a quarter to the left of the right nipple on a line with the two nipples; the ball entered the gland until it struck the rib and followed the fat as far as the breast bone; the ball then entering the cavity of the thorax, passed through the left lung and between the fifth and sixth ribs and lodged against the skin. I cut the ball out."

Warrants were issued for both Kellison and Apperson, and a reward is offered for their arrest as follows: For Kellison \$200; for Apperson \$100. At the request of the authorities we publish the following descriptions:

Kellison is from 19 to 20 years of age, medium height, dark complexion and has a rather slim face. On Sunday he was dressed in a dark suit of clothes, white shirt, celluloid collar and small tie. He has lived lately in Randolph Co. He was raised lately on Droop.

Apperson: 24 years of age, has lived at Marlinton all his life, tall and angular, with prominent cheek bones, very prominent upper teeth, when last seen wore a light mustache, is of rather light complexion.

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